

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 35 have been amended. The amendment to claim 35 is to address a typographical error. Claims 36 through 38 have been added to the application. Claims 2, 6-7, and 12-32 have been cancelled. Claims 36 and 37 are newly added independent claims.

Mr. Hatem Hannawa and the undersigned thank Examiner Safavi for the courtesy of a personal interview on September 18, 2007. Pursuant to the interview a detailed declaration executed by Mr. Hanawa is attached. The declaration includes exhibits representing material shown to the Examiner during the interview. Additional materials are also discussed in the declaration. The declaration provides background concerning the state of the art prior to the claimed invention. The declaration then provides detail concerning the commercial success of the Arch-Crete forming system in the marketplace including two recent exclusive distribution relationships that Arch-Crete has entered into with the second or third largest concrete producer in the world and the largest formwork manufacturer in the world. Further, the declaration talks about acceptance in the marketplace including awards presented to Arch-Crete and the expanding use of the Arch-Crete forming system. Finally, the declaration discusses the JP '624 reference.

Pursuant to the discussion with the Examiner claim 1 has been amended to explicitly articulate that the form is directed to a "monolithic one-piece non-metallic non-wooden component" and that the reinforcement matrix is "integrated with" the rear face. Moreover, the claim recites that the "reinforcement matrix is molded from a non-metallic, non-wooden material, such that in cross-section the material of said component is substantially uniform."

Further, as discussed during the interview, claim 36 has been added to the application as a product by process claim to emphasize that the form is formed by a molding process as recited in the claim.

Independent claim 37 has also been added to the application. Among other things, claim 37 explicitly recites a monolithic one-piece plastic-based molded component that in cross-section is substantially uniform. The claim also recites that the reinforcement matrix includes a plurality of

bracings, at least one bracing including two webbings with supports intermittently spaced between sections of the webbings. The claim further recites that the webbings and the supports provide additional structural support to the one-piece plastic-based monolithic molded component.

For the reasons discussed during the interview it is respectfully submitted that by the amendment to claim 1 and as a result of the recitations set forth in independent claims 36 and 37, the claims are in condition for allowance. As confirmed in the Interview Summary, "the language to 'monolithic' or 'single material' appears to read over what is shown by the JP '624 reference."

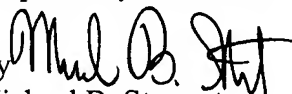
CONCLUSION

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has identified any fees that are due in the transmittal that accompanies this paper. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 66138-0005 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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